

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 15-22 will be pending in the application, claims 1-14 having been canceled.

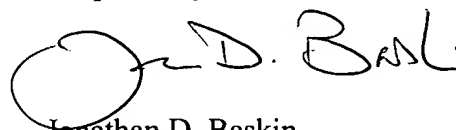
Entry of the amendment is proper as it places the application in immediate condition for allowance.

Turning now to the final Official Action, claims 1, 2, 6, and 9-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yoshida et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,632,027); claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Yoshida et al in view of Blonder et al (U.S. Patent 4,897,711); and claims 3-5, 7, 8, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Yoshida et al in view of Shuto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,558,426). While applicants respectfully disagree with the propriety of these rejections, at least for the reasons of record, the rejections are moot in light of the cancellation of the rejected claims.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at her earliest convenience.

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